GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4058
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote tourism and culture in the North Eastern States;

(b) the funds made available for the promotion of tourism and culture, Scheme-wise and State-wise during the last three years;

(c) whether a huge amount is lying unspent on this account;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for the proper utilization of the funds allocated to these States?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Steps to promote Tourism and Culture in the North-Eastern States include :-

Production of promotional material, CD ROM and films, organizing familiarizationtrips of media and travel agents from overseas to North-Eastern Region and provision of10% of total plan funds allocated to the Ministry of Tourism for development and promotion of Tourism in North Eastern States etc.

(b): The details are placed at appendix -`XX` and `YY`.

(c) & (d): Utilization of funds provided by Central Government is the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories.

(e): To monitor progress of sanctioned projects, funds are released in instalments. The second and third instalment is only released on receipt of Utilisation Certificate from the State Government. Recently a monitoring system through Regional Directors/Directorsof Govt. of India Tourist Offices and State Governments has also been set up to oversee the progress of the sanctioned projects.

APPENDIX-XX

APPENDIX IN RESPECT OF PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4058 ANSWERED ON 18-8-2000 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURE.

STATEMENT SHOWING PROJECT SANCTIONED AND AMOUNT SANCTIONED TO NORTH EAST DURING 1997-98, 1998-99 AND 1999-2000 (ALL THE PROJECTS INCLUDING FAIRS AND FESTIVALS)

S.No	State	No.of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released	No.of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released	No.of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Assam	14	288.88	94.20	15	457.95	146.14	17	357.35	76.96
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	9	271.00	82.50	6	216.32	65.55	1	239.28	51.03
3.	Mainpur	5	186.11	56.35	8	140.49	41.40	10	229.00	70.10
4.	Meghalaya	5	97.70	30.55	5	120.48	37.50	5	30.72	6.46
5.	Mizorm	6	142.45	43.50	8	203.34	62.90	13	292.17	94.41
6.	Nagaland	3	113.90	51.36	11	230.54	69.00	16	291.80	93.75
7	Sikkim	11	73.20	36.95	15	136.03	58.92	13	118.98	43.57
8.	Tripura	8	126.68	44.65	9	169.21	53.00	7	340.76	99.12
	Total	61	1299.92	440.06	77	1674.36	534.41	92	1900.06	535.40

APPENDIX-YY

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DETAILS OF PROJECTS/SCHEMES

CENTRAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, TOURIST BUNGALOW, REFURBISHMENT OF MONUMENTS, SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW, FAIRS AND FESTIVALS FOR NORTH EASTERN STATES FOR THE YEARS 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the State	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released	No. of projects completed	No. of projects incomplete
Arunachal Pradesh	26	726.60	199.08	26	
Assam	46	1104.18	317.30	46	
Manipur	23	555.59	167.85	23	
Meghalaya	15	248.90	74.51	15	
Mizoram	27	637.96	200.81	27	
Nagaland	30	636.24	214.11	1	29
Tripura	24	636.65	196.77	1	23
Sikkim	39	328.21	139.44	39	